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SUBJECT: CCD INFORMAL MEETING OF PROCEDURES, MARCH 5, 1976

SUMMARY: CCD ON MARCH 5 HELD FIRST INFORMAL MEETING

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TO CONSIDER ITS ORGANIZATION OF WORK, INCLUDING

PREPARATION AND FORMAT OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO UNGA AND US PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES. MEXICO AND ROMANIA CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH HIGHEST PRIORITY ISSUES REFERRED TO CCD BY UNGA; US, USSR AND INDIA EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THIS IDEA AND CALLED FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION. YUGOSLAVIA AND MEXICO CALLED FOR ELIMINATION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, WHICH US AND USSR DEFENDED. SEVERAL DELS PROPOSED GIVING SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING CCD'S REPORT AND FOR MAKING REPORT MORE "ANALYTICAL," ALTHOUGH SOME RECOGNIZED POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES IN ATTEMPTING TO INCLUDE ASSESSMENTS OR EVALUATIONS. AMID SIGNS OF SATISFACTION ON PART OF MAY DELS WITH SERIOUSNESS AND COOPERATIVE SPIRIT OF STATEMENTS AT MEETING, COMMITTEE AGREED TO HOLD A SECOND INFORMAL MEETING NEXT WEEK WITH POSSIBILITY REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS SUBSEQUENTLY. END SUMMARY.

1. MARCH 5 AT CCD INFORMAL MEETING ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK LALOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) AGREED WITH US VIEW THAT CCD SHOULD REVIEW ITS PROCEDURES AS A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE, RATHER THAN TAKE PIECEMEAL DECISIONS. HE SAID CCD SHOULD KEEP ITS FUNDAMENTAL RULE OF CONSENSUS, ITS LIMITED SIZE, AND ITS PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UN. THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, HOWEVER, HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS AND BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO MAKING THE COMMITTEE "FULLY REPRESENTATIVE." LALOVIC CALLED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP BY A SYSTEM OF "JOINT MANAGEMENT" INVOLVING SIMPLY THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF DAILY ROTATION OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETINGS. CCD'S REPORT SHOULD A) BE "ANALYTIC," B) REFLECT PRIORITIES SET BY UNGA RES AS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE; C) BE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS, WITH PROVISION FOR REPORTING AGREEMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS BY CONSENSUS AS WELL AS REFLECTING VIEWS OF DELS AND D) BE TRANSMITTED TO UNGA OVER SIGNATURE OF CHAIRMAN OF LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR.

2. CAMPOS-ICARDO (MEXICO) SAID "UNUSUAL INSTITUTION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY SYSTEM OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANNUAL ELECTION OR MONTHLY ROTATION OR ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT BASED ON EQUALITY OF CCD MEMBERS. CCD'S REPORT SHOULD BE DRAFTED BY SECRETARIAT UNDER GUIDELINES SET BY COMMITTEE, WITH STRUCTURE AND SCOPE REFLECTING NEEDS OF DELS IN UNGA DISARMAMENT DEBATES. RECALLING GARCIA ROBLES' PROPOSAL FOR SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CAMPOS-ICARDO SAID STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD MEET ONLY WHEN THERE WAS SPECIFIC WORK TO BE

DONE; THIS YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY ONLY FOR ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS. PRIORITY UNGA ITEMS, SUCH AS CTB AND CW, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED AT PLENARY MEETINGS.

3. HAMILTON (SWEDEN), FOCUSING ON CCD'S REPORT, SAID IT SHOULD PRESENT MATERIAL FROM EACH SESSION IN MORE ANALYTICAL MANNER, WITH ANNEXES SUMMARIZING VIEWS OF DELS ON MAJOR ISSUES AND INDEXING ALL STATEMENTS. HAMILTON THOUGHT SECRETARIAT SHOULD DRAFT REPORT, POSSIBLY WITH ASSISTANCE OF SPECIAL REP OF UN SYG.

4. ENE (ROMANIA) SAID CCD'S WORK SHOULD BE BASED ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF 1968, WITH UNGA RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR CCD WORK ALLOTTED TO APPROPRIATE HEADING. HE SAID CCD WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FUNCTION MUCH LONGER UNLESS IT RESPONDED PROPERLY TO UNGA RES' AND MATCHED ITS WORK TO UNGA PRIORITIES. ENE REITERATED SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH ENE THOUGHT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS AS DEFINED BY UNGA. SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY INFORMAL MEETINGS, INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, AND PLENARY MEETINGS DEVOTED TO SPECIFIC TOPICS.

5. MARTIN (US) WELCOMED THOUGHTFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS MADE BY OTHERS ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK, REPORT, AND PROCEDURAL REVIEW. ON QUESTION OF REPORT, HE SAID US WAS WILLING TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS TO GIVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO SECRETARIAT. AS FOR CONTENT OF REPORT, MARTIN SAID US DID NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO INCLUDING ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENTS, OR CONCLUSIONS, PROVIDED THESE WERE ACHIEVED BY TRUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSENSUS. BUT, HE SAID, THIS COULD IN PRACTICE PROVE VERY DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING. ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR 1976, HE SAID US DID NOT NECESSARILY OBJECT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH EFFORT TO SET UP PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE. HOWEVER, NEED FOR AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD BE DEMONSTRATED AND SEVERAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED, INCLUDING HOW SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE ORGANIZED, WHAT ITS RELATION WOULD BE TO PLENARY MEETINGS, WHAT KINDS OF RECORDS IT WOULD HAVE, ETC. MARTIN SAID US HAD MADE NO DECISION TO GIVE UP CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND, IN FACT, CONTINUED TO REGARD IT AS DESIRABLE AND EFFECTIVE INSTITUTION. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE TO US OF PRESERVING COMMITTEE'S CONSENSUS OPERATION AS WELL AS

ITS LIMITED SIZE AND ITS PRESENT RELATIONSHIP TO UNGA.

6. MISHRA (INDIA) SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR CCD TO MAINTAIN ITS CONSENSUS RULE. DURING 1976 HE SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE CONCENTRATE ON CTB, CW, AND MID-TERM REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT DECADE IN PLENARY MEETINGS, WITH ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED OUT IN INFORMAL MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES REVIEW ALSO CARRIED OUT IN INFORMAL MEETINGS, PERHAPS ONE PER WEEK. CCD'S REPORT SHOULD BE DRAFTED BY SECRETARIAT. WHILE INDIA WOULD PREFER ANALYTIC REPORT, HE AGREED WITH MARTIN THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT GET IN POSITION OF DEVOTING EXCESSIVE TIME TO SEEKING CONSENSUS CONCLUSIONS OR ASSESSMENTS.

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7. ROSHCHIN (USSR) SAID EXISTING CCD PROCEDURES WERE FLEXIBLE AND READILY ADAPTABLE TO ANY WORKLOAD; COMMITTEE HAD OPTIONS OF PLENARY MEETINGS, INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH OR WITHOUT EXPERTS, AND THERE WOULD EVEN BE "NO PROBLEM" IN DEVOTING SPECIFIC PLENARIES TO SPECIFIC TOPIC OR INCREASING NUMBERS OF MEETINGS. IDEA OF STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE, ROSHCHIN SAID, POSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANY UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS--WHO WOULD SERVE AS REPS, WHO WOULD CHAIR IT, WHAT KINDS OF RECORDS WOULD IT KEEP, AND SO ON. HE SAID SOVIETS OBJECTED TO PROPOSALS FOR ELIMINATION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP; CO-CHAIRMEN HAD NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, BUT INSTITUTION REPRESENTED ELEMENT OF STABILITY. ROSHCHIN ALSO SAID SOVIETS DID NOT WANT ANY CHANGE IN CONSENSUS RULE, IN SIZE OF COMMITTEE, OR IN THE INDEPENDENT STATUS OF THE CCD VIS-A-VIS UNGA. HE SAID SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO GIVE DRAFTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORT TO SECRETARIAT AND WERE WILLING TO CONSIDER WAYS TO MAKE IT MORE USEFUL TO UNGA DELS. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, SPEND DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF TIME ATTEMPTING TO PREPARE ANALYSIS.

8. COMMITTEE AGREED TO HOLD NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, OR FRIDAY, MARCH 12, WITH DECISION TO BE MADE AT PLENARY MEETING MARCH 9. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING REGULAR SCHEDULE OF INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS, WITH SOME PREFERENCE TO HAVING THEM GENERALLY ON FRIDAY MORNINGS. DALE

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